

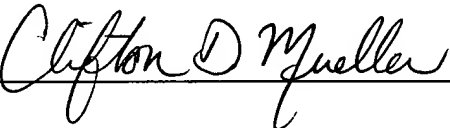
## Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 9-11 are rejected. Claims 3-6, 8 and 12 are objected to. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 3.

It is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's agent at the number listed below. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 50-0749.

Respectfully submitted,  
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